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22 October 5pm – 10pm
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water knowledge

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Saving Water with Mulch

- Keeping your garden mulched is essential for creating healthy soil and maintaining a water-efficient garden.
- Mulch keeps your soil cool, suppresses weeds, adds nutrients and reduces run-off and soil movement.
- Mulch can reduce evaporation from soil by up to 70%.
- Any mulch is better than no mulch.

6 steps to Marvellous Mulching

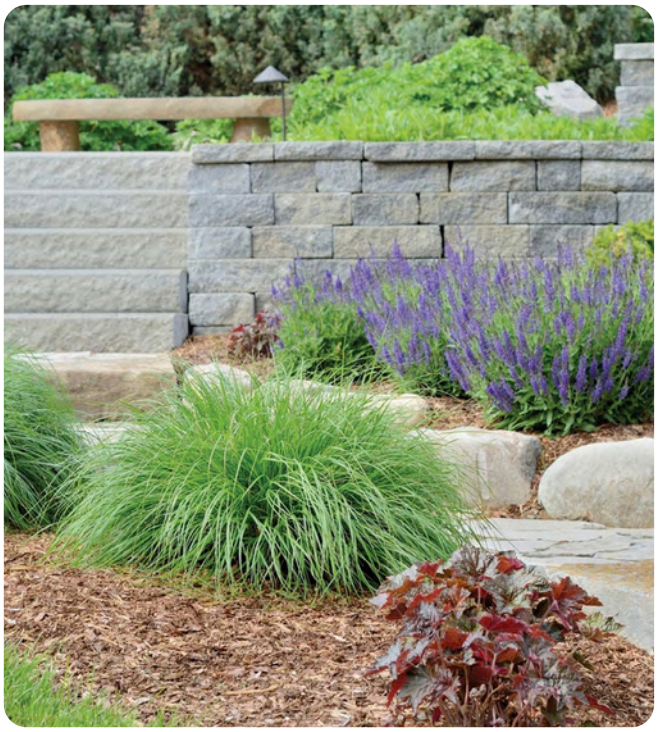
1. Remove weeds.
2. Moisten the soil thoroughly.
3. If water is running off the surface, fork through some compost.
4. Lay your mulch to the right depth for its type (see next page).
5. Don't mulch right up to the stems of your plants as this can cause fungal disease… no one wants that! Leave a gap of at least 4cm.
6. Top up your organic mulch every year, or more often if your mulch has broken down a lot.

Coarse Mulch

Pine bark, pebbles and even recycled concrete and bricks make a long-lasting mulch and are excellent for preventing weeds. They are also very good for keeping the soil cool, particularly if they are light in colour. This sort of mulch can be 5–7cm deep.

Medium Mulch

Wood chips are also excellent for reducing weeds. This sort of mulch is usually laid 2.5–5cm deep.

Fine Mulch

Sawdust can stop water getting into the soil, so don't make it too thick: about 2.5cm deep. Don't forget to top it up each year when the ground is starting to dry out.